



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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On a platform nearly 30 feet above ground, workers apply a coat of plaster to one of three barrel-vaulted ceilings in the CVC's Great Hall.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 5/15/06 through 5/19/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- A skylight installation contractor has completed preparatory work for the south skylight above the Great Hall. Installation of structural elements is expected to begin this week. Masons continue setting sandstone blocks around the north skylight perimeter and have completed two of four sides.
- Drywall installation is nearly complete on the three ceiling vaults in the Great Hall. A “skim” coat of plaster has already been applied on two of the three vaults.
- Masons continue setting base stone and wall stone in the two lower levels and the Carriageway within the East Front transition zone. Three of four fire partitions are in place at the Crypt level in the East Front clearing the way for stonework to continue on that level.
- Masons are expected to resume setting floor stones on both the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Drywall installation is expected to begin shortly following ceiling inspections this week.
- Masons will begin setting granite blocks on both walls flanking the steps on the north side of the CVC entrance zone, then continue south completing the facades of the CVC entrance zone, and finish with the walls of the south steps.
- Crews are placing cast-in-place concrete around the new trees that line the pedestrian walkways that slope down to the CVC entrances.
- Two steel support beams for film projection systems have been installed in the Orientation Theaters.

- Inside the House and Senate Expansion Space, the majority of framework and drywall installation is complete on all three levels in both spaces. Wall and ceiling “close-in” inspections for all of the mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire safety systems are ongoing.
- Masons are setting stone on all three levels of the north stairwell atrium in the Senate Expansion Space.
- Workers continue to assemble mechanical elements and finishes to escalators and elevators near the Great Hall.

East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Preparatory street restoration work is complete on East Capitol Street between First and Second Streets. Milling of the existing asphalt on the north side of the street is scheduled for this Wednesday, weather permitting, and paving of the entire street is scheduled to occur on Friday. A paint crew will apply the street striping plan early next week.
- Insulators and electricians continue working throughout the length of the tunnel and chilled water lines are now being filled to prepare for “flushing” of lines and follow-on testing.

Next Week – 5/22/06 – 5/26/06

CVC, East Front Plaza Work, East Capitol Street Utility Tunnel

- Application of a plaster finish will continue on the barrel-vaulted ceiling of the Great Hall.
- Floor stone installation is expected to continue along the east and west sides of the Exhibition Hall. Dry-wall installation may begin along the center zone of the Exhibition Hall where scaffolding has been erected.
- Crews will continue to install ductwork and piping for all heating, cooling, supply, waste water, fire protection, and electrical systems; build mechanical spaces, install cable trays, and install finish stone in areas on the upper and lower levels of the facility.
- Installation of base and wall stone will continue inside the East Front transition zone.
- Masons will continue setting stone along the walls of an emergency egress stairwell near the face of the Capitol.
- Crews will continue installing mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, metal stud walls, drywall and ductwork, and continue paint priming in various zones throughout the House and Senate Expansion Space. Stone installation will continue in the stairwell atrium on the Senate side. Wall and ceiling close-in inspections continue throughout both expansion spaces.
- If paving occurs as scheduled, a paint crew is expected to complete the striping plan for the street early in the week. If all of the ancillary street elements, including signs and traffic signals are in place, it is expected that East Capitol Street can be opened to traffic early this June.



Workers assemble the framework at the top of a new elevator on the CVC roof deck.